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SUBJECT: ELEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION: WEST GERMAN FOREIGN
MINISTER GENSCHER DISCUSSES DEVELOPMENT, ATTACKS
NEO-COLONIALISM

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AT CONCLUSION OF STRONG ECONOMIC SPEECH AUGUST 27 TO THIRD DAY PLENARY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TURNED TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS ALSO THREATENING PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD: THE ARMS RACE, NEO-COLONIALISM, AND REFUGEES. IN HARD-HITTING LANGUAGE CLEARLY AIMED AT SOVIETS, GENSCHER CASTIGATED "REACTIONARY HEGEMONIC THINKING" WHICH THREATENS TO REVERSE THE POLITICAL EMANCIPATION OF THE THIRD WORLD AND GENERATES GREAT STREAKS OF REFUGEES SUCH AS THOSE FROM AFGHANISTAN AND CAMBODIA. HE CITED INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN AS LATEST THREAT TO PEACE, THE FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND PLEDGED FRG "TO STAND BESIDE NON-ALIGNED IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO

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SAFEGUARD INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE." (END SUMMARY)

2. HAVING OPENED HIS SPEECH WITH A WELCOME TO ZIMBABWE AND AN ENDORSEMENT FOR AID TO THE UN'S NEWEST MEMBER, GENSCHER SAID THAT, AS THE 1990'S BEGIN, THE WORLD ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION PUTS PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT IN JEOPARDY. HE NOTED THE IMPACT OF OIL PRICE INCREASES WHICH IN EFFECT NULLIFIED EFFECT OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND THREATENED MOUNTING DISTRESS. HE SAID SPECIAL SESSION MUST DO ITS BEST TO REMOVE THIS

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DANGER. IT IS ILLUSORY TO BELIEVE THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES EAST OR WEST, OR OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES COULD ESCAPE CONSEQUENCES OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES OR UNDERDEVELOPMENT. ITS CONSCIOUSNESS HEIGHTENED BY THE BRANDT REPORT, FRG HAD REVISED ITS BASIC APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT. IT SUPPORTS LIMITED NORTH-SOUTH SUMMITS, FROM TIME TO TIME, TO PRODUCE POLITICAL STIMULUS FOR FASTER PROGRESS TO CONSENSUS AND CHANGE WITHIN THE UN FRAMEWORK.

3. TURNING TO GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS, GENSCHER STRESSED THEIR AGREED BASIS IN "COMMON INTEREST" AND "MUTUAL BENEFIT". LOC DEVELOPMENT ONLY HAS A LONG TERM BASIS IN THE CONTEXT OF STEADY GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT. MATERIALIZATION OF COMMON BENEFITS MUST COME BEFORE QUESTIONS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS CAN BE ANSWERED.

ALL STATES MUST CONTRIBUTE TO LOC AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT FOR OIL EXPORTERS. THIS MEANS INCREASED AID TO OIL IMPORTING LOCs AND DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN RECYCLING OF OIL MONEY. "THE COMMUNIST INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES.. MUST AT LAST PARTICIPATE IN MEASURES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO AN EXTENT COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL".

4. FOR AGENDA OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS, GENSCHER STRESSED
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INTEREST. HE CITED: COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO ENERGY, FOOD PRODUCTION AND SECURITY, INCREASED TRANSFER OF RESOURCES, AND OPEN WORLD MARKETS.

5. ENERGY. GENSCHER SAID ALL COUNTRIES MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONSERVE OIL AND DEVELOP THEIR SOURCES OF ENERGY. OIL CONSUMPTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE, BUT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR CONSERVATION IN LDCS WITHOUT INHIBITING GROWTH. CAUTION ALSO IS REQUIRED TO GUARD AGAINST EXCESSIVE CALLS ON TRADITIONAL ENERGY SOURCES OF FIREWOOD AND MANURE. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW FORMS SUCH AS BIONASS AND SOLAR ENERGY IS PRIORITY TASK. THE 1981 UN CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY SHOULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE. FRG SUPPORTS THE WORLD BANK PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED ENERGY AID AND STUDY OF A POSSIBLE INDEPENDENT ENERGY BANK WITHIN THE IBRD GROUP. GENSCHER STRESSED COOPERATION BETWEEN OIL IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS AS ESSENTIAL FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO NEW ENERGY FORMS. BOTH
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GROUPS NEED EACH OTHER TO MEET THEIR NEEDS; BOTH ARE DEPENDENT ON A HEALTHY WORLD ECONOMY. "WE CANNOT EVADE AN ENERGY DIALOGUE ANY LONGER."

6. FOOD. FRG GIVES FOOD PRODUCTION PRIORITY IN BILATERAL AID. IT SUPPORTS IFAD REPLENISHMENT, EARLY CONCLUSION OF A NEW WHEAT AGREEMENT AND THE PROPOSED SCHEME FOR ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY OF LDC'S BY BUILDING UP "INTERNATIONALLY COORDINATED NATION GRAIN RESERVES."

7. TRANSFER OF RESOURCES. FRG EMPHASIZES ODA FOR LEAST DEVELOPED AND PRIVATE RESOURCES FOR MORE ADVANCED LDCS.

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DIRECT INVESTMENT, A KEY ELEMENT, CAN BE FACILITATED BY REESTABLISHING GENERAL RECOGNITION OF PROTECTION OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT BY INTERNATIONAL LAW. TNC CODE OF CONDUCT ALSO IS IMPORTANT. FRG HAS DOUBLED ITS ODA IN TWO YEARS TO 6.1 BILLION DM, PUTTING IT IN A SECOND PLACE TIE WITH FRANCE AMONG ALL DONORS. FRG WANTS PROMPT INCREASE IN IBRD CAPITAL STOCK AND IDA REPLENISHMENT AND STRONGLY SUPPORT THE BANKS STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT LOANS. GENSCHER ALSO STRESSED IMF'S ROLE AND BORROWING FROM OIL EXPORTERS ON FAVORABLE TERMS. SDR ALLOCATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE ON BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENTS.

8. TRADE. STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN WORLD TRADE IS A GROWING REALITY AS LDCS RAISED SHARE OF INDUSTRIAL GOOD IN THEIR EXPORTS FROM 10 PERCENT IN 1955 AND 20 PERCENT IN 1965 TO 45 PERCENT TODAY. READINESS TO OPEN MARKETS MEANS READINESS FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGE. POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT MEASURES COST LESS THAN PROTECTIONISM. FRG ADVOCATES AN INTERNATIONAL LIBERALIZATION PLAN TO OPEN MARKETS AND FACILITATE ADJUSTMENT. FRG RUNS A LARGE TRADE DEFICIT WITH NON-OIL EXPORTING LDCS; THIS HIGHLIGHTS THAT A COUNTRY'S TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT ENCOMPASSES THE WHOLE RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.

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9. DISARMAMENT. HAVING DETAILED FRG IDEAS ON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, GENSCHER DECLARED THAT THE BURDEN OF MILITARY

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EXPENDITURES PREEMPTS RESOURCES NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THREATENS INSTABILITY AND CONFLICT. SUCCESS OF DEVELOPMENT DEPENDS MORE AND MORE ON PUTTING A STOP TO ARMS GROWTH. HE SAID, HOWEVER, CALLS FOR DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE MUST JOIN CALL FOR AN END ALSO TO ARMING OF THE THIRD WORLD.

GENSCHER CALLED FOR UN EFFORT TO MAKE MILITARY BUDGETS MORE TRANSPARENT. HE PROPOSED UN REGISTERS OF PER CAPITA ARMS AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR EACH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY, AND A UN REGISTER OF WEAPONS TRADE.

10. NEO-COLONIALISM. VIEWING THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF 19TH CENTURY LIBERAL AND INDUSTRIAL RESOLUTIONS AND 20TH CENTURY DECOLONIZATION, GENSCHER SAID THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT AND LIBERATION ARE THREATENED BOTH BY THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION AND BY "A NEW POLICY OF DOMINATION, A NEW COLONIALISM ON AN IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION... AFGHANISTAN IS THE LATEST EXAMPLE." "REACTIONARY

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HEGEMONIC THINKING

MUST BE OVERCOME AND THE OUTDATED VIEW ABANDONED THAT ONE'S OWN INTERESTS ARE BEST PROTECTED WHEN AS MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE ARE KEPT SUBORDINATE. NO NATION HAS THE PREROGATIVE TO FORCE ITS IDEOLOGY ON OTHER NATIONS. NO NATION HAS THE PREROGATIVE TO OCCUPY FOREIGN TERRITORY."...

"ONE OF THE STRONG FORCES IN WORLD POLITICS FIGHTING FOR AN ORDER OF EQUALITY AMONG ALL NATIONS ARE THE NON-

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ALIGNED COUNTRIES", GENSCHER SAID.

"I WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY STANDS ON THEIR SIDE IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO SAFEGUARD INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE."

11. REFUGEES. GENSCHER SAID, "ALIEN CONFRONTATIONS OFTEN CAUSE ARMS BUILD-UPS AND MILITARY CONFLICTS IN THE THIRD WORLD."

"THEY ARE OFTEN ALSO THE CAUSE OF GREAT STREAMS OF REFUGEES."

"THE REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN AND CAMBODIA ARE NUMBERED IN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS..." GENSCHER SAID THE PROBLEM WOULD ONLY BE SOLVED BY CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL ORDER AS ENVISIONED IN THE UNCHARTER BY WORLD-WIDE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

"UNTIL THIS IS ACHIEVED EVERYWHERE, WE APPEAL TO ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE NOT TO PREVENT, ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS FROM REACHING THOSE WHO NEED HELP...TO OPEN DOOR TO FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLY SHIPMENTS AND TO PERMIT AIRCRAFT OPERATING ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO DROP FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR THOSE
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IN NEED, PLACES WHERE THEY CANNOT BE REACHED BY LAND OR ONLY WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY."

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12. IN CLOSING REMARKS WHICH ECHOED SECRETARY'S MUSKIE'S
TWO DAYS EARLIER, GENSCHER SAID "THE 1980S WILL BE A
DECISIVE DECADE. IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO CHOOSE OUR COURSE
... LET US CHOOSE A COURSE OF PEACE AND WORLD-WIDE DEVELOPMENT
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